AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraphs of the application, as shown:

[Page 3, Line 3] An ISH is a hardware component that links business or residential user devices such as telephones and computers to the broadband, wide area network through a plurality of user interfaces and at least one network interface. A suitable ISH is described in ~~co-pending U.S. Pat. App. No. 09/226,575~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,272,553 entitled "Multi-Services Communications Device," ~~filed on January 7, 1999 (Sprint Docket number 1246),~~ issued on August 7, 2001, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. The network interface typically is a broadband network interface such as ADSL, T1, or HDSL-2. Examples of user interfaces include telephone interfaces such as plain old telephone system (POTS) ports (also referred to as jacks) for connecting telephones, fax machines, modems, and the like to the ISH; computer interfaces such as ethernet ports for connecting computers and local area networks to the ISH; and video ports such as RCA jacks for connecting video players, recorders, monitors, and the like to the ISH.

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[Page 11, Line 21] The AC power supply is plugged into a standard electrical outlet 87 and serves as the primary power source for the ISH. In the event of a power failure to the electrical outlet, the ISH operates under backup power provided by its battery pack and basic telephone services remain available to the customer for emergency calls. Given that the ISH requires power in order to provide basic telephone service, it is important to reduce power consumption, and thereby extend battery life as long as possible. A method and apparatus for polling telephony line status in an integrated services hub to reduce power consumption is disclosed and claimed in ~~co-pending U.S. Pat. App. No. 09/653,105 (Sprint docket number IDF 1497),~~ ~~filed~~

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~~August 31, 2000~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,512,817, issued on January 28, 2003, incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

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